
Jefferson County's Older Population

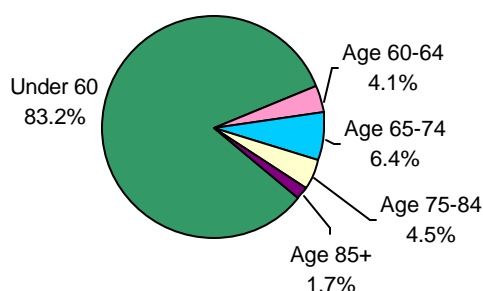
A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Jefferson County is similar to that of the state as a whole (12.6% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been slower in this county than in the state as a whole (6.0% versus 7.9%). In all, 9,359 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 1,241 of these are age 85 or older. Jefferson County's average (or median) age is 36.6 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Jefferson County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	74,021		67,783		6,238	9.2%
Persons 60 and over	12,429	16.8%	11,676	17.2%	753	6.4%
Persons 65 and over	9,359	12.6%	8,827	13.0%	532	6.0%
Persons 85 and over	1,241	1.7%	906	1.3%	335	37.0%

Age Groups, 2000: Percent of Jefferson County Population in Each Group



Race:

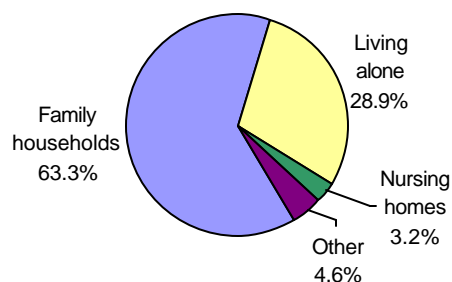
A large majority (99.4%) of Jefferson County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Jefferson County African Americans have a median age of 28.0 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 23.6 years. Whites, in contrast, average 37.1 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 28,205 households in Jefferson County, 6,471 include at least one person age 65 or older (22.9% of all households). A total of 6,017 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 76.9% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (63.3%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 28.9% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 4.1% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 301 people age 65 and older live in Jefferson County nursing homes (3.2% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.

Living Arrangements of Jefferson County Residents Age 65+



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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